(b) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and allocation of foodgrains, free of cost, under the Special Component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) for relief employment, were made to the affected States.

(c) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir had reported drought situation but had not reported formal declaration of the areas affected by drought.

(d) Declaration of drought is made by the State Governments concerned taking into account various factors including deficit rainfall, Annawari/Girdawari etc.

Foot mouth free zone in Maharashtra

582. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from Maharashtra Government to create a foot and mouth free zone in the State to encourage export of meat products;

(b) whether Government have any scheme to fund such a proposal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of Government to the proposal of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Drought

583. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of the country affected by severe droghts;

(b) the total population of the country affected by this drought conditions;

(c) what steps are being taken to give relief to the affected people; and

(d) what is the total allocation of funds to give relief to the drought affected people in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) During 2002-03, 18 States, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal had reported drought of varying magnitude. Out of these, Jammu and Kashmir had not formally declared the districts/areas affected by drought. 399 districts were declared as drought affected by the other 17 States.

(c) and (d) State-wise details of assistance provided to the drought affected States is indicated in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

Details of assistance given to drought affected States.

States	Foodgrains Allocated* (Lakh MTs)	Central Share of CRF (2002-03 & 2003-04) released	Assistance released from NCCF (Rs. in crores)
Andhra Pradesh	17.20	249.75	123.51
Chhattisgarh	4.74	34.64	127.51
Gujarat	3.06	133.46	—
Haryana	0.25	102.52	—
Himachal Pradesh	0.10	35.96	14.35
Jammu & Kashmir	—	28.86	—

States	Foodgrains Allocated* (Lakh MTs)	Central Share of CRF (2002-03 & 2003-04) released	Assistance released from NCCF (Rs. in crores)
Jharkhand	0.40	71.49	—
Karnataka	7.20	94.03	207.65
Kerala	0.52	84.79	—
Madhya Pradesh	7.80	78.97	171.66
Maharashtra	2.32	198.23	20.00
Orissa	6.44	138.04	5.29
Punjab	—	101.47	—
Rajasthan	31.10	350.88	889.61
Tamil Nadu	4.50	84.87	332.09
Uttaranchal	0.50	40.81	—
Uttar Pradesh	2.00	184.45	310.06
TOTAL	88.13	2013.22	2201.73

*from special component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY)

CRF-Calamity Relief Fund

NCCF-National Calamity Contingency Fund

Investment of R&D in agriculture

584. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flow of investment for Research and Development (R&D) in the agricultural sector has been declining successively over the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to secure larger investment to accelerate the R&D activities for increased productivity and improved